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Volkspolizei (VP) Bereitschaften in Thuringia

1. The 2d, 3rd, 4th and 5th VP Bereitschaft were located in the Meiningen barracks until mid-August 1949. While the 4th Bereitschaft remained in the main Meiningen barracks, the 2d Bereitschaft was transferred to Langensalza, the 3rd to Ilmenau and the 5th to Suhl. * In mid-April 1950 the 4th VP Bereitschaft and a Grenzpolizeibereitschaft numbering 250 men were located in Meiningen.

4th Volkspolizei Bereitschaft

2. In mid-April 1950, the 4th VP Bereitschaft in Meiningen was organized as follows:

1st Co:	Headquarters company
2d Co:	Machine gun company with light machine guns, model 08/15
3rd Co:	Submachine gun company with submachine guns, model 42
4th and 5th Co:	Rifle companies with carbines, model 98K

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3. The following personalities were identified with the 4th VP Bereitschaft in mid-April 1950:

Headquarters:

Oberpolizeirat Rudi Beier, CO of Bereitschaft 25X1 25X1

Oberpolizeirat Hans Friedrich, Dpty CO and PK-Leiter 25X1

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Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Nikolayev Ostrovski, control officer 25X1 25X1

Polizeirat Manfred Sommer, chief of staff 25X1 25X1

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Polizeimeister Schulze (fnu), sergeant major 25X1

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1st Co:

Kommissar Mangold, (fnu) CO and PK-Leiter, [redacted] 25X1

2d Co:

Kommissar Rudi Thiel [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Polizeimeister Otto Hirn, PK-Leiter [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Hauptwachtmeister Kempf, (fnu) leader of the 1st Platoon [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Hauptwachtmeister Siegfried Scholz, leader of the 2d Platoon [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Hauptwachtmeister Kurt, leader of the 3rd Platoon [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Hauptwachtmeister Rolf Truemmler, leader of the 4th Platoon [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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3rd Co:

Kommissar Detvorl, (fnu) CO [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Polizeimeister Eduard Neumann, PK-Leiter, [redacted] 25X1

4th Co:

Kommissar Siegmund Meister, CO and PK-Leiter [redacted] 25X1 25X1

5th Co:

Kommissar Manfred Rost, CO and PK-Leiter, [redacted] 25X1

4. Training in the 4th VP Bereitschaft consisted primarily of infantry training; included, however, were 2½ hours of political instruction daily and one hour of criminal jurisdiction (sic) and one hour of traffic law weekly.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The 3rd VP Bereitschaft is carried in Suhl.

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